

a front waist region extending between and to transversely opposite side edges of the disposable diaper;

a rear waist region extending between and to transversely opposite side edges of the diaper;

a crotch region located longitudinally between the front waist region and the rear waist region;

a waist-hole; and

a pair of leg-holes, said diaper further comprising:

C1 at least one of said front and rear waist regions including a covering zone formed integrally with said crotch region and an elastic zone extending continuously along a full length in a circumferentially direction of said at least one of said front and rear waist regions to define at least part of said waist-hole;

said elastic zone including a first member that is elastically stretchable in said circumferential direction of said at least one of said front and rear waist regions to a length greater than a transverse length of said covering zone, said first member extending between and to the transversely opposite side edges of the diaper, and a second member covering said first member, said second member also extending between and to the transversely opposite side edges of the diaper; and

said second member being inelastically stretchable to a length greater than the transverse length of said covering zone and attached to an upper edge of said covering zone so as to form gathers that extend along the entire length of said at least one of said front and rear regions in the

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